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## For Immediate Release

## Excise Police Arrest 18, Ticket 6 in West Lafayette

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Aug. 27)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 18 people, issued six tickets and wrote five warnings while patrolling around Purdue University this weekend.

On Wednesday, excise officers arrested five minors for illegal consumption of alcohol. They also charged one minor with operating while intoxicated (minor with .02-.08% BAC) after he was stopped for a headlight violation. One adult was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Officers wrote warning tickets for illegal possession of alcohol and aiding a minor to possess alcohol.

On Thursday, officers arrested six minors for illegal consumption of alcohol. One juvenile was cited for possession of tobacco. Another juvenile was charged with a drug-related offense. One adult was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Excise officers issued one ticket for driving while suspended, one for expired license plate and wrote two warnings for illegal possession of alcohol.

On Friday, officers arrested three minors for illegal consumption of alcohol. One minor was also charged with possession of false ID. One adult was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Excise officers also issued one warning for illegal possession of alcohol.

Excise officers were in West Lafayette as part of their Intensified College Enforcement (ICE) initiative, which puts extra officers on patrol around six college campuses: Ball State University, Butler University, University of Notre Dame, Purdue University, Indiana University-Bloomington and Indiana State University.

ICE was launched on three college campuses last semester as a pilot project aimed at reducing underage drinking. This fall semester, it has expanded to include Purdue University.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.